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(*b*) the profit earned or loss incurred by each bus for a year?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" (*a*) The Government owned 342 buses on 1st June 1953 and 302 were actually running.

" (*b*) Profit and loss account is not maintained separately for each bus. However, on the basis of the profit earned by the Government Bus service for the last three years, it has been worked out that each bus is giving on an average a profit of Rs. 2,200 per year."

Grant of house-sites in Velagaleru village, Vijayavada taluk.

* 698 *Q.*—SRI M. LAKSHMANASWAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any requests for house-sites from the Harijans and Washermen of Velagaleru village of Vijayavada taluk in Krishna district from 1st January 1946 till now;

(*b*) whether they deposited any amount in the Vijayavada Sub-treasury on 5th March 1946 as first instalment; and

(*c*) if the answer is in the affirmative, the causes for so much delay in granting house-sites?

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" (*a*) & (*b*) Yes.

" (*c*) The draft declaration proposals are awaited from the Board of Revenue. The delay was due to the prolonged enquiries involved at various stages, the existence of crops on the lands at the time of demarcation, and the preparation of the estimates in respect of the superstructures on the lands."

Uplift of fishermen in Kakinada taluk.

* 699 *Q.*—SRI C. V. K. RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) what amount of money was spent by the Fisheries Department in Kakinada taluk in 1951–52; and

(*b*) what ameliorative measures were taken for the uplift of fishermen in the Kakinada taluk?

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" (*a*) A sum of Rs. 16,327–0–5 was spent by the Fisheries department in Kakinada taluk during the year 1951–52.

" (*b*) (1) A deep-sea fishing centre with one power vessel at Kakinada was started in the year 1945 to demonstrate the improved methods of fishing to the fishermen.

(2) Two thousand seven hundred and thirty fingerlings were supplied to the public in 1951–52.